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## ***Amendment***

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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. **228**

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***"AN ACT CONCERNING DAMAGES FOR THE UNLAWFUL  
KILLING OR INJURING OF A COMPANION ANIMAL AND  
REQUIRING A REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF  
AGRICULTURE CONCERNING THE TETHERING OF DOGS."***

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 3 of public act 14-205 is repealed and the following  
4 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

5 (a) There is established a task force to study the humane treatment  
6 of animals in municipal and regional shelters and other matters  
7 concerning the operation of such municipal and regional shelters. The  
8 task force shall consider: (1) Recommendations for the establishment of  
9 standards for the humane treatment of animals in such shelters; (2)  
10 existing education and training standards for animal control officers  
11 on current license laws; (3) rules and regulations regarding and

12 penalties for abuse; (4) the development of a system to track persons  
13 who have been convicted of animal abuse in order to prevent such  
14 persons from acquiring animals from shelters in other municipalities  
15 or states; (5) the establishment of standards for such shelters to use  
16 when evaluating potential adopters for such animals; (6) the  
17 establishment of rules and responsibilities for volunteer groups that  
18 work with such shelters and animal control officers; and (7) the  
19 creation of a framework to coordinate the efforts of local humane  
20 organizations with volunteer groups, foster groups and municipal and  
21 regional animal shelters.

22 (b) In addition to the Commissioner of Agriculture or the  
23 commissioner's designee, the task force shall consist of the following  
24 members:

25 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
26 one of whom shall be a member of a local animal welfare advocacy  
27 organization and one whom shall be a sworn officer of a municipal  
28 police department;

29 (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one  
30 of whom shall be an animal control officer and one who shall be a  
31 representative of the judicial branch;

32 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
33 Representatives, who shall be a chief elected official from a town with  
34 a population of more than twenty-five thousand persons;

35 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
36 a licensed veterinarian;

37 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
38 Representatives, who shall be a person who volunteers to work with  
39 municipal animal shelters and animal control officers; and

40 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
41 a chief elected official from a town with a population of twenty-five

42 thousand persons or less.

43 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),  
44 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
45 of the General Assembly.

46 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
47 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
48 filled by the appointing authority.

49 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
50 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force  
51 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
52 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not  
53 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

54 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
55 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to local  
56 governments shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

57 (g) Not later than January 1, [2015] 2018, the task force shall submit  
58 a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
59 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
60 relating to local governments and the environment, in accordance with  
61 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force  
62 shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or January 1,  
63 [2015] 2018, whichever is later.

64 Sec. 502. Special act 15-19 is repealed. (*Effective from passage*)"

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	PA 14-205, Sec. 3
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section